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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application (Divisional) Transmittal
      From: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184
      Filed: December 7, 1999
      For: ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS THEREOF
      (being amended to PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR)
      By: Hiroyuki OKADA
      Attorney Docket: 15162/01321

Dear Sir:

This Divisional Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS THEREOF (**being amended to PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR**), Hiroyuki OKADA, inventor.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

(1)   This Transmittal Letter and a duplicate copy hereof (containing pertinent information relating to parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184, filed December 7, 1999 and a breakdown of the amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);

(2)   Copy of the Specification of the parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184 (58 pages, including 26 claims and an abstract);

(3)   Formal Drawings from parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184 (18 sheets) (Figs. 1-27); and

(4)   Transmittal of Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages) with attached copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent Application Serial No. 09/456,184 (3 pages).

ACCOMPANYING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION PARTS:

(5)   Preliminary Amendment (7 pages);

(6)   Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);

(7)   PTO-1449 Form (1 page);

(8)   Copy of one (1) foreign cited reference; and

(9)   One Return Receipt Post Card each for each of the following grouping of items: (1)-(4), (5), and (6)-(8), above.

This new application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184, filed December 7, 1999, which claimed priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 10-359568.

An Assignment from the inventor, Hiroyuki OKADA, to MINOLTA CO., LTD., of the parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184, is recorded at **REEL 010445, FRAME 0118**.

The amount of the filing fee after entry of the Preliminary Amendment are calculated below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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